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SUBJECT: TERRORISM: POSSIBLE CONVENTION ON HOSTAGES

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1. INMEETING ON JULY 11 WITH FONOFF DIRGEN POLITICAL AFFAIRS
DAVIGNON, REPORTED SEPARATELY, I RAISED THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE
CONVENTION ON THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES. I TOLD DAVIGNON THAT IN
THE VIEW OF THE USG, SUCH A CONVENTION IS A WORTHWHILE GOAL
BUT THAT ITS INTRODUCTION SHOULD BE TIMED CAREFULLY IN ORDER
NOT TO DEFLECT ATTENTION OR SUPPORT FROM THE PROPOSED CONVENTION
ON THE PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS. DAVIGNON REPLIED THAT HE HAS TAKEN
OUR POSITION INTO ACCOUNT AND THAT THE TIMING AND FORMULATION OF
THE BELGIAN DRAFT CONVENTION IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE
MINISTRY.

2. COMMENT: BELGIANS APPARENTLY DO NOT YET HAVE THEIR
PROPOSAL IN FINAL FORM AND ARE NOT YET CLEAR ON HOW THEY WOULD
INTRODUCE IT AT THE UN, EXCEPT TO KEEP IT SEPARATE FROM
TERRORISM ITEMS. DOCUMENTS SO FAR AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY (REF
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B) DO NOT SPECIFY HOW CONVENTION WOULD ACCOMPLISH IT ENDS.

I BELIEVE, IN ANY CASE, THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONSULT FURTHER
WITH BELGIANS BEFORE FINAL DECISION ON INTRODUCING DRAFT
CONVENTION IS TAKEN.
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